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much opportunity as the ordinary city voter to attend to getting their names on the list, and it is just as important in the country as in the city that the registration rolls should represent actual voters.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

Mr. JOHN G. CARLISLE has sent his resignation of his seat in the United States Senate to the Governor of Kentucky. Senator CARLISLE's term would have expired in 1895.

Of course the resignation means that the Democratic leader will be a member of Mr. CLEVELAND's Cabinet. That is an excellent beginning and will give good satisfaction to the people and to the party.

Mr. CARLISLE is one of the best equipped statesmen now in public life. He is entirely familiar with the financial and industrial questions prominent at the present time and demanding careful and firm treatment by the Government. His honor and integrity are unquestioned, his ability is conceded, and he is known to be in full and earnest accord with the policy and principles that will guide Mr. CLEVELAND's Administration.

At a time when a reckless and imprudent course on the part of those in power has involved the Government in serious embarrassments, no better man than Mr. CARLISLE could be found to restore the National credit and prosperity and to put the finances of the country again on a sound basis.

The early announcement that Mr. CARLISLE is to be in the new Cabinet will inspire confidence in the incoming Administration.

It has already been stated that the new Cleveland Cabinet will be composed of comparatively young men. Whatever position Mr. CARLISLE accepts he will be practically at the head of Mr. CLEVELAND's advisers.

HONORING THE OFFICE.

It was a graceful and becoming act for the President-elect to undertake a journey to Ohio this winter to attend the funeral of ex-President Hayes. Mr. CLEVELAND was warmly expected to be present. His absence would not have been construed to his disadvantage. He went because he desired to evince his respect for the high office to which he has himself been twice elevated by the people and probably because he wished to emphasize the fact that he does not regard the deceased as having been responsible for the fraud by which he was made President.

President Harrison will not attend the funeral. He will be represented by some of the members of his Cabinet. A mid-winter journey is by no means desirable at a time when blackouts are the order of the day on the railroads and when trains are running everywhere out of time. Mr. CLEVELAND does not expect to return to New York until Sunday night or Monday morning, and he will be fortunate if he gets back then.

PROFESSIONAL FAULT-FINDERS.

Already the common scolds are beginning to berate Tammany and its legislators at Albany for pushing bills calculated to impose heavy financial burdens upon the taxpayers of the metropolis.

Among these bills is one to provide for the storage of water for the new Aqueduct; another for the purchase of what-over lands may be necessary to save the water supply from pollution; another for the Elm street improvement. If such measures as these are called "burdens," then all efforts to promote the progress and prosperity of the city may as well be abandoned.

No attention should be paid to the growls of these common scolds. New York's future demands public works on a great scale. A piecemeal policy has prevailed too long. Every improvement that is sanctioned by sound judgment and is calculated to make the metropolis what it ought to be will be in the end a relief to the taxpayers, and not a burden upon them. The Crokers who dictate legislation should pay no attention to the croakers who oppose legislation, at least as far as the enactment of such measures as we have named are concerned.

STILL WARNING.

Justice BARTLETT has decided the Long Island City Mayoralty case, by turning out both GLEASON and SANFORD, the rival Mayors, and declaring MICHAEL F. CLAYTON, the President of the Board of Aldermen, acting Mayor under the decision of the charter, until the contest is decided.

SANFORD is not Mayor, the Judge says, because he holds no certificate of election. GLEASON is not Mayor, because he holds a certificate properly issued, but based on returns which were "manifestly incorrect." Ergo, there is a vacancy which the charter provides shall be filled by the President of the Board of Aldermen while it exists.

Justice BARTLETT has doubtless long been tempted to say to the rival Mayors: "A plague on both your houses." His decision was probably influenced by a desire to get rid of the ridiculous case altogether. But it is questionable whether he has accomplished his object. The adverse GLEASON proposes to stick and being in possession to appeal from the decision.

Some people, indeed, doubt whether he can be superseded by Alderman CLAYTON or anybody else except after regular proceedings. He holds a warrant regularly issued by the proper authority, however fraudulent it may be. If the certificate is based on false and fraudulent returns, the Clerk and not GLEASON would be responsible, and might be punished if he could be caught.

EXIT PECK.

Labor Commissioner PECK has stepped down and out. His efforts to aid the Republican party in the recent election and his remarkable assumption of autocratic powers in the performance of his official duties made it certain that he could not hope to retain office under a Democratic Governor. If the Republicans had succeeded he would have expected and doubtless have received his reward. As they were defeated, PECK must take his punishment.

After all, it is not certain that the Demo-

crats do not owe a debt of gratitude to PECK. His ridiculous and unsubstantiated labor statistics did more good than harm to the party he betrayed. PECK was one of those fatal blessings of the Republican party which rank with McKinleyism, Frickism and all the kindred issues in which that organization places its faith.

SOCIALISM GROWING SENSIBLE.

Some of the Socialist leaders in Paris are really talking sensibly. This is an unusual occurrence that the section may be discredited. But it is an actual fact that many who have heretofore been contented with nothing but dynamite speeches and grand powder pronouncements are now desisting violence and recommending to their followers an appeal to reason instead of violence.

The Panama scandal, which they call the "bourgeois corruption," is recognized by the Socialists as their opportunity. But it came upon them too quickly, they say, and it will not do to seek to hurry things by force. "Legality will suffice," says one of the fiercest of the red revolutionists. "We have now an opportunity of propagating our ideas," says another. "Let us profit by it and not compromise by untimely attempts at the seizure of power which events have offered us."

If Socialism really ready to substitute discussion for dynamite and to seek to educate and convince people instead of blowing them into eternity, if the teacher is to take the place of the torch and persuasion to be used in place of petroleum, the Socialists have as good a right as the Republicans to propagate their views and seek to make converts. The only difficulty is that open discussion and argument are fatal to Socialist doctrines. The "education" of the people would be as fatal to the Socialists as the cannons and chaspepots of the soldiery.

THE GENTLE CHINESE.

The decision of Judge NELSON, of the United States Circuit Court at Duluth, declaring the Chinese Exclusion act unconstitutional, will be received with pious gratification by those humane people who regard it as a cruel injustice to expel from our shores the gentle, almond-eyed, pigtailed Celestials. There will be general rejoicing among the patrons of the Chinese Sunday-schools in this city and in Brooklyn over the prospect of new supplies of yellow-skinned pupils to be won over to religion and love-making by the young women teachers in those institutions.

No doubt two items of news brought over from China by the steamer Empress of Japan, and reported yesterday by way of Vancouver, will increase the satisfaction with Judge NELSON's decision manifested by the "friends of humanity."

One of those items tells of the execution of some criminals at Canton on Dec. 23d last by the "slicing process." The condemned are bound firmly to a cross and then sliced in small, neatly cut slices with a sharp carving-knife. Care is taken to leave the vital parts to the last. The Europeans present turned with sickening hearts from the horrible sight, while many fainted away, although the natives looked on with stolid indifference.

The second item tells of the arrest of two sixteen-year-old Chinese belles at Osteking for endeavoring to gain the affections of a couple of young rat-enters whom they admired. This of itself would not be an offense in China or any other country. But to accomplish their object the young girls, following the directions of an old Chinese superstition, had cut out the eyes of a number of kittens, burned them to a powder, and put them in wine for the young men to drink.

By all means let us have these gentle Chinese "in our midst" in spite of Judge NELSON.

Care should be taken to make it plain to the Senate Cities Committee at Albany next Wednesday that New York's voice is for the bill prohibiting heavy trucking in Fifth Avenue. It would be better to make the street a parkway for all day. But the hours of exclusion named in the bill, from 2 to 7 p. m., cover the time when the drive will be most used, and if the measure is enacted it will be broadened it should be promptly passed as it is.

That man who laughed himself into a fit at a local theatre last night is advised to take a severe course of training over the funny papers of the day in order to subdue his risible tendencies.

M. BLOWITZ will become more than ever a low-brow if the French Government expels him from Paris.

Michigan's Republican legislators are losing no time about the repeal of the Miner Election law.

Low Rosen, in his sparkling little paper, Broadway, says that a lot of prominent swells such as Herman Terrell, Foxhall Keene, Pierre Lorillard and Cornelius Vanderbilt are in the city this winter. The swells do not draw. They were a disappointed lot. Mr. Rosen then turned his attention to popular actresses, and the names of Clara Foltz, Marie Tempest, Lillian Russell and Clara Potter are mentioned. And a Governor has great success, and this week Marie Tempest promises to be another. Mr. Rosen very quaintly says: "We are fond of women, and we don't blame them."

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ZELDA SANDERS MAKES A HIT.

President of the Anti-Gerry Society in a New Play.

Isabelle Urquhart to appear at a Private Theatre in London.

Zelda Sanders, who appeared yesterday afternoon at the Standard Theatre for the benefit of the Anti-Gerry Society, of which she is the President, is a sweet little child, and before the performance of Alexander Hume Ford's play, "Drayton Hall," was over it was generally acknowledged that she was clever as well. The little girl, who has a pretty, childish face, soft, fluffy hair, and winsome figure, played a difficult part, and acquitted herself quite as creditably as any of the juvenile actresses of far greater experience could have done. Of course, juvenile histrionism has no very large range. Children are not as they are taught to act. They are fairly for the community, acting does not "come natural" to them, though fond parents are occasionally tempted to think that it does. The reason some children are more fitted for the stage than others is that they possess a personality that can be advantageously displayed and that they are sufficiently docile and intelligent to learn an arduous lesson. Little Zelda Sanders is not less gifted in her role than is little Leila or little Emma. Her role gave her many opportunities, and she lost none of them. She was childish, quaint, pathetic, nervous, and tender. In the prayer scene she was particularly effective, and this scene was the best in the play. If "Drayton Hall" is to be used in the future it must be subjected to revision. Some of the scenes were dragged, and a few of the episodes and bits of the dialogue were too stager. The play, with the war, and the tale of two men for an exceedingly silly girl, who doesn't know her own mind from one minute to the other. The best members of the cast were Mrs. Mattie Temple Fox and C. H. Montgomery, who played "darky" roles. Standard Theatre was crowded, and little Zelda Sanders was the star attraction.

Henry Gay Carlton is writing a new play for the Standard Theatre. It is called "A Girl of the Year." Mr. Carlton is also engaged in rewriting "The Merry Widow," a drama that was seen here at Proctor's Theatre.

"Pauline Blanchard," the play that Sarah Bernhardt produced first in this country, and then in England, is to be presented at the Theatre de l'Opera in Paris. It will then be called "La Fille de Blanchard," after the novel from which it was taken.

The publicity given to Eleonora Duse's alleged dislike of publicity is looked upon as a manager's trick. It is a very clever stroke of business on the part of the Rosenfeld brothers, who appear in exclusive talks, said a manager yesterday, "and that is what I must needs do. She will be looked upon as a private person, and that is what we want. The difference, in this case, will not hurt her. The actress, however, who does not like to see her name in the public prints does not exist."

Miss Helene Mora, "the lady baritone," who is at present with a variety company, is having a farce-comedy written for her, and will play next season. The story is a very amusing and interesting one about the variety world just at present.

A Greek comic opera, called "The Magic Opal," by Arthur Law and Benoit Alphenis, is the latest novelty promised to London, where it will be produced at the Lyric Theatre.

Little Cyril Tyler has another matinee at the Madison Square Theatre today. He will sing the "Swan Song" from Meyerbeer's "Dietrich," "In the First Time," by Schubert, "Auld Lang Syne," from Rossini, and the "Gypsy Song" from "The Bohemian Girl."

The afternoon will be given by Sylvia Langlois, Arthur Low, Miss Clara Foltz and Miss Jessie D. Shaw.

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